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**REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

This Reply is responsive to the Office Action mailed August 24, 2006, having a three-month shortened period of response set to expire by November 24, 2006. Applicants have submitted herewith a petition for a one-month extension of time for responding to the Office Action, thereby extending the deadline to December 24, 2006.

Responsive to the Office Action, applicants hereby amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

**Amendments of the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this Reply.

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**Remarks** begin on page 23 of this Reply.

**Conclusion** begins on page 29 of this Reply.

**Authorization** begins on page 31 of this Reply.